

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. This sheet, which includes Figures 1 and 2, replaces the original sheet including Figures 1 and 2. In Figure 1, the previously unshown electrical contacts (now numbered element 11) have been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet  
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKSAmendments

In the descriptive part of the specification, an amendment to paragraph [013] has been made to insert reference element number 11 for electrical contacts. In the claims, claims 1-3, 8, and 9 have been canceled. Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form, incorporating the subject matter of claim 1. Minor grammatical and formatting changes have been made to claim 10. The amendments to the claims have been made in the interest of rapid prosecution and without prejudice to Applicants' ability to prosecute claims of similar or different scope in one or more continuation applications.

In the drawings, electrical contacts, referred to in the specification, have been added to Figure 1. No new matter has been added.

The Objection to the Drawings

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR § 1.83(a), insofar as the objection is applicable to the amended drawings.

Applicants have added element 11 to Figure 1, so that the electrical contacts are illustrated. This proposed drawing change is marked in red on one copy of the drawing labeled "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes", and a replacement sheet is being submitted. Applicants believe that this amendment overcomes the objection to the drawings.

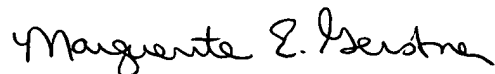
The Rejection Under 35 USC § 102(b)

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-3, 8 and 9 under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by Barber et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,800,188), insofar as the rejection is applicable to the amended claims. Applicants believe that the cancelation of these claims renders this rejection moot.

Conclusion

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action at an early date is earnestly requested. If, however, there are any outstanding issues which can be usefully discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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